



WASHINGTON POTATOES

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 69,360 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2006, 1,995 thousand cwt. less than the 71,355 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 2,990 thousand cwt. less than the 72,350 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to June 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 59.5 percent of the 2005 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 167,175 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2006, 3 percent less than the same period last year. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 33,750 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2004 & 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800	50,220	57,120	64,240	-
Maine 2/	2004-05	-	-	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06	-	-	1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015	3,740	4,400	5,280	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	-
Other States 3/	2004-05	-	-	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06 4/	-	-	11,820	15,030	17,980	21,230	24,080	25,860	28,295	-
TOTAL	2004-05	-	-	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06 4/	-	-	66,010	81,690	96,500	115,335	133,360	149,235	167,175	-
Dehydrated 5/	2004-05	-	-	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06 4/	-	-	12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210	27,205	29,695	33,750	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

4/ May revised.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

- No monthly data available.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on June 1, 2006 were estimated at 9,000 thousand cwt., 1,000 thousand cwt. more than the 8,000 thousand cwt. in storage on June 1, 2005, and 2,000 thousand cwt. more than the 7,000 thousand cwt. in storage on June 1, 2004. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 86,480 thousand cwt. compared with 85,810 thousand cwt. a year ago.

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JUNE POTATO STOCKS DOWN 23 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The 13 major potato States held 40.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2006, down 23 percent from last year and 13 percent below June 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 11 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing decreased 2 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 3 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 33.8 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2004.

Comparisons by region will not be made in this narrative to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Comparisons for individual States are as follows. Idaho's potato stocks are down 27 percent from last year, while sheds in Maine held 7 percent less than last year, and Colorado's stocks dropped 39 percent from last season. Stocks in Minnesota decreased 43 percent from 2005 and North Dakota's potato stocks dropped 73 percent from last year. California, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and New York's potato stocks combined decreased 8 percent from the same date in 2005. Washington's potato stocks are up 13 percent from last season, while Oregon's sheds held 19 percent more than last year, and Wisconsin's stocks increased 6 percent from 2005.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2000-2005, WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
WASHINGTON	1,000 Cwt.							
2000	105.000	59.000	52.000	44.500	37.500	29.500	21.500	13.000
2001	94.400	53.000	46.000	40.000	32.500	25.000	18.000	10.000
2002	92.340	50.000	43.500	38.500	30.500	23.000	16.500	9.000
2003	93.150	51.000	44.000	38.000	29.500	21.500	15.000	7.000
2004	93.810	50.000	43.000	36.500	29.000	22.000	15.500	8.000
2005	95.480	52.000	46.000	40.000	32.000	24.500	17.000	9.000
15 STATES 1/								
2000	458.827	310.300	275.270	234.260	197.670	153.520	109.160	61.270
2001	387.033	258.750	224.680	192.090	158.590	119.950	81.200	42.990
2002	407.085	264.485	231.490	199.020	165.210	125.770	83.040	45.880
2003	403.181	267.900	233.590	200.230	166.280	126.110	85.000	46.020
2004	403.587	271.100	236.700	204.490	168.020	128.900	88.550	51.700
2005	372.581	251.800	218.900	187.600	153.700	113.900	72.950	39.960

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

PRODUCTION and TOTAL STOCKS of FALL POTATOES HELD by GROWERS, PROCESSORS and LOCAL DEALERS on JUNE 1, 2005 & JUNE 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP OF 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2005 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2006 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,648			3,240	260	8
Colorado	23,791	3,600	15	22,292	2,200	10
Idaho	131,970	24,000	18	116,975	17,500	15
Maine	19,065	2,900	15	15,736	2,700	17
Michigan	13,650			13,920		
Minnesota	18,920	3,500	18	17,630	2,000	11
Montana	3,551			3,434		
Nebraska	9,288			8,245		
New York	5,184			5,226		
North Dakota	26,765	4,800	18	20,500	1,300	6
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	2,100	11	22,023	2,500	11
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640					
Washington	93,810	8,000	9	95,480	9,000	9
Wisconsin	30,450	1,600	5	27,880	1,700	6
Other States		1,200			800	
15 States Total 4/	403,587	51,700	13	372,581	39,960	11

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

4/ Thirteen states for the 2005 crop.